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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, TC  
SUBJECT: STATE VISIT FOR SHAIKH ZAYID

REF: STATE 68559

1. ON MARCH 19, I MET WITH FONMIN SUWAIDI TO ASK HIS VIEWS ON HOW I SHOULD CONVEY MESSAGE TO UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID THAT HIS STATE VISIT TO US WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER END OF 1978. IN GIVING HIM TEXT OF UNDATED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO SHAIKH ZAYID CONTAINED REFTEL, V I SAID THAT I EXPECTED TO RECEIVE ORIGINAL OF LETTER IN NEXT FEW DAYS. I ALSO MENTIONED TO SUWAIDI A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY PREOCCUPIED THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH COMBINED HAD REQUIRED PRESIDENT CARTER TO RESCHEDULE SEVERAL STATE VISITS. BESIDES THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORT, THESE INCLUDE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES; ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT; PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA; HORN OF AFRICA CONFLICT; RHODESIA; CONTINUING DEBATE ON ENERGY LEGISLATION; AND PENDING TAX LEGISLATION.

2. SUWAIDI WAS VERY NICE ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WHY PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCHEDULE WAS SO CROWDED  
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AND THAT UAE APPRECIATED WHAT THE PRESIDENT WAS TRYING TO DO, PARTICULARLY IN MIDDLE EAST. HE SUGGESTED THAT I SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH SHAIKH ZAYID ONCE ORIGINAL OF LETTER IS RECEIVED. I SAID THAT I HOPED HE MIGHT INFORM SHAIKH ZAYID PRIOR TO MY MEETING, ADDING THAT I HOPED HIS HIGHNESS WOULD NOT BE TOO DISAPPOINTED SINCE SUBJECT OF VISIT HAS NOW

BECOME FAIRLY WIDELY KNOWN WITHIN UAEG AS DIFFERENT GROUPS WERE PREPARING BRIEFING PAPERS.

3. I TRUST THAT ORIGINAL OF LETTER THAT HAS BEEN POUCHED CARRIES PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE AND IS DATED. SINCE SUWAIDI ASKED WHAT POSSIBLE TIMING MIGHT BE FOR STATE VISIT NEXT YEAR, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOME SUGGESTED SPECIFIC TIMES THAT I MIGHT PROPOSE TO UAEG. AT VERY LEAST, WOULD HOPE TIMING OF STATE VISIT WOULD BE DURING FIRST HALF OF 1979.  
DICKMAN

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